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SUBJ: PROPOSED MEETING WITH SADIQ EL MAHDI

REF: DAKAR 6736

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SADIQ EL MAHDI AND HIS REMAIN-
ING PARTISANS HERE HAVE PERIODICALLY SOUGHT CONTACTS WITH THIS
EMBASSY PRESUMABLY IN EFFORT FAN THEIR FADING POLITICAL FORTUNES.
NIMEIRI REGIME REMAINS CRITICAL AND SUSPICIOUS OF SADIQ AND HIS
UMMA PARTY ACTIVITIES, THOUGH HE WAS RELEASED FROM FORCED
RESIDENCE AND ALLOWED LEAVE COUNTRY SOME TIME AGO. AS RECENTLY
AS HIS MONTHLY "REPORT TO NATION" ON DEC 9, NIMEIRI ALLUDED
TO ALLEGED "AGREEMENT" REPORTED IN LEBANESE PRESS BETWEEN
DISSOLVED SUDANESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND "SO-CALLED PROGRESSIVE
WING OF UMMMA PARTY TO FOIL PRESENT REGIME AND HAND AUTHORITY TO
SO-CALLED LEADER OF PROGRESSIVE WING OF UMMMA ON CONDITION THAT
COMMUNISTS BE ALLOWED OPERATE PUBLICLY". IRRESPECTIVE OF TRUTH
OF THIS CHARGE, REFERENCE TO "SO-CALLED LEADER" IS CLEARLY
INTENDED TO MEAN SADIQ AND HAS BEEN SO INTERPRETED HERE.

2. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING FOR
USG, RATHER THAN SADIQ, FOR HIM TO MEET OFFICIALLY OR SOCIALLY WITH
AMERICAN OFFICIALS DURING ANNUAL HAJ. MANY SUDANESE PILGRIMS,
POSSIBLY INCLUDING SEVERAL MEMBERS CABINET AND OTHER SENIRO
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OFFICIALS, WILL BE MAKING HAJ AND SADIQ/USG CONTACT COULD BECOME

KNOWN. IN EVENT QUESTION IS RAISED AGAIN IN DAKAR, WE ACCORDINGLY
RECOMMEND FADIL EL MAHDI BE GIVEN NO ENCOURAGEMENT THAT SADIQ
WOULD BE RECEIVED BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN JIDDA.
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